CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH OCTOBER 2017:

Vice President Graham Harker opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 15 members present. He introduced the speaker **Don Brookfield** and invited him to present his display on **The Life and Times of George VI.**

Don had a wealth of material on George VI. He began with his early life which included a photograph of 1899 of the three children which was used as a Christmas card, As well as photographs the display contained many letters including one George wrote to Lady Aran thanking her for the sweeties she had given him. On 21 April 1926 Princess Elizabeth was born and there was a letter of congratulations on the birth of his daughter. There was material of the Abdication of his brother as well as details of the Coronation – invitations, order of service and coronation covers.

The first half display was largely concerned with social history whereas the second half contained philatelic material. There were miniature sheets of the stamps of the time as well as controls. The material covered all the stamps of George's reign including some complete sheets of some of the issues. George died peacefully in his sleep on 6th February 1952. There were invitations to his funeral service, photographs of the funeral and letters of condolence.

Member enjoyed viewing the vast amount and variety of the material. Richard Berry gave a vote of thanks and the meeting closed at 21.30 hours.

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